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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMSNERS
DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE ${f OF}$

KENNETH UNG, M.D.

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners upon receipt of information that respondent allegedly engaged in a pattern of indiscriminate prescribing of Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) to T.U., P.S., T.S., B.R. and M.J. and he was deficient in his medical record keeping. Respondent, represented by Jacqueline Carolan, Esq., appeared and testified before the Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the Board. Respondent through his testimony admitted that he prescribed CDS medication for T.U., P.S., and T.S. without maintaining records of such treatment and prescriptions, nor did he perform a physical examination on these patients. Respondent also admitted he did not contact the primary care physician for two gynecological patients,



B.R. and M.J., for whom he prescribed CDS, although he knew each of these patients was taking CDS that had been prescribed by a primary care physician. There were several other names of individuals who had filled prescriptions for CDS on prescription pads listing respondent as the prescribing physician. Respondent testified that he never saw any of these individuals as a patient, he never heard of these people and he did not prescribe medication to them. Respondent, through counsel, acknowledged that he did prescribe medication for T.U., P.S. and T.S. and he is aware it was wrong to do so without following the relevant directives set forth in the statute and regulations of the Board of Medical Examiners. As to the other individuals respondent did not recognize, it was explained that he conducted an investigation and concluded there was nothing to indicate that any of his prescription pads were missing. Counsel represented that upon review of respondent's patient records, deficits have been identified and respondent will implement changes to ensure the safeguarding of all prescription blanks and proper record keeping including the recording of all treatment and prescriptions.

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of formal proceedings, and it appearing that respondent has read the terms of the within Order and understands their meaning and effect and consents to be bound by same, and it further appearing that the Board finds that the within Order is

adequately protective of the public interest, and it therefore appearing that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order,

> IT IS ON THIS 2NDDAY OF JUNE 2004,

ORDERED THAT;

- Respondent shall be and hereby is reprimanded for prescribing medication without maintaining records of treatment of the patient and prescriptions in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.5.
- Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of ten thousand 2. dollars (\$10,000.00) by submitting a certified check or money order made payable to the State Board of Medical Examiners at P.O. Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183 within thirty (30) days of the entry date of this Order.
- 3. Respondent shall pay casts in the amount of \$553.44 by submitting a certified check or money order made payable to the State Board of Medical Examiners at P.O. Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183 within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order.
- Failure to timely remit any payment required by the Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt.
- Within six (6) months of the entry date of this Order, respondent shall enroll in and complete a record keeping course that is satisfactory to the Board.
- 6. Within six (6) months of the: entry date of this Order, respondent shall enroll in and submit proof of successful completion of a course on prescribing CDS that is pre-approved by the Board.
- Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS By:

David M. Wallace, M.D.

Board President

I have read and understand the contents of this Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Consent as to form:

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Jeline Carolan, Esq.